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SUMMARY: ECONCOM/MIN MADE APPROACH PER REFTELS. GOJ WILL RAISE ESF/FKBF QUESTION WITH GOA DURING WHITLAM VISIT. GOJ WILL PARTICIPATE IN PARIS ESF MEETING IN NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OCTOBER 25 ECONCOM/MIN MADE APPROACH TO TAKASHIMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, PER REFTELS. FOLLOWING ECONCOM/MIN'S EXTENSIVE PRESENTATION DURING WHICH HE STRESSED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ESF AND FEOF, AND REQUESTED GOJ APPROACH GOA DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT BY PM WHITLAM TO TOKYO, TAKASHIMA ASKED WHETHER USG HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT GOA WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN ESF AND FEOF IN FUTURE, AND, IF SO, WHETHER THIS POSITION WAS RELATED TO QUESTION OF UN CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT QUESTION OF CONTINUED GOA PARTICIPATION AROSE FROM GOA
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WITH GOA FONOFF PRESSING FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND FINANCE MINISTRY RESISTING, AND THAT QUESTION WAS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO UN PROBLEM. TAKASHIMA SAID GOJ HOPES TO OBTAIN FROM GOA CLARIFICATION OF LATTER'S POSITION ON UN QUESTION DURING WHITLAM VISIT, AND INTENDS TO REQUEST GOA TO SUPPORT GKR. SINCE THAT MATTER AND QUESTION AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ESF AND FEOF LOGICALLY CONNECTED, GOJ WILL, IN RESPONSE TO ECONCOM/MIN'S APPROACH, ALSO REQUEST GOA'S CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO BOTH FUNDS. WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THIS PROMPT DECISION. ECONCOM/MIN NOTED THAT FOR GOJ APPROACH TO GOA TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT SHOULD APPEAR THAT APPROACH WAS GOJ INITIATIVE AND NOT RESULT OF USG PRESSURE. TAKASHIMA SAID HE WELL UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT.

2. KAZUHARA OF FIRST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, LATER TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOJ WILL PARTICIPATE IN PARIS MEETING IN NOVEMBER ON ESF.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY APPRECIATES TIMELY SUGGESTION OF APPROACH TO GOJ PRIOR TO WHITLAM VISIT.
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